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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Action dated April 21, 2003 in the above-identified application.

Applicant hereby requests a three (3) months extension of time to respond to the above office action.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	LG \$ ENTITY FEE		ADD'L FEE DUE	
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	178	-	233	=		LG=\$18	\$18	\$	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	5	-	7	=		LG=\$84	\$84	\$	0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280								\$	
RCE fee (large entity)								\$	750
Three (3) month extension fee (large entity)								\$	930
						•	TOTAL	\$ 1	,680

- A check in the amount of \$1,680.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1066. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 - Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
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Respectfully submitted,

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